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The Honorable Ed Hernandez
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1066 (Perez)** -As amended May 31, 2011 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hernandez:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1066, which contains key components of the Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver implementation language necessary to provide low-income residents access to quality healthcare. As you know Medi-Cal Waiver funding is essential for public hospitals to provide services to Medi-Cal patients and uninsured Californians.

AB1066 contains fundamental technical language required to implement the vital reimbursement and funding components contained in the Waiver. Included in the legislation is the provision for regular Medi-Cal inpatient fee-for-service and disproportionate share hospital funding for designated public hospitals based on a service volume formula, designated public hospital equity and the proportionate share of hospital-specific claiming based on the uncompensated cost. Additionally, AB 1066 includes reimbursement language respective to the Safety Net Care Pool for uncompensated uninsured hospital services.

AB 1066 is needed to ensure reimbursement and funding is equitably allocated among public hospitals. This legislation contains language related to the coverage expansion provide for under the Waiver and consistent with federal requirements

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1066. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES

Chair, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable John Perez
Members, Senate Health Committee
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